

REMARKS

Claims 1-106 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

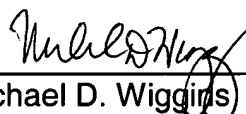
The Examiner states that Claims 2, 6, 7, 10-17, 37-39, 41-43, 46-53, 55, 59, 60, 63-70, 90-92, 94-96 and 99-106 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 2, 6, 7, 10-17, 37-39, 41-43, 46-53, 55, 59, 60, 63-70, 90-92, 94-96 and 99-106 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The remaining claims depend from allowable claims and should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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